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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in Kashmir  
(Report #13 - As of 6:00 a.m. EDT)

1. Indian forces crossed the West Pakistan border at just before dawn (about 7:00 p.m. EDT, 5 September) and are moving toward Lahore, 15 miles from the border. Lahore is the second largest city (1.3 million population) in West Pakistan and a major transport and communications center. [redacted] second prong of the attack is directed toward Sialkot, headquarters of the Pakistani 15th Division.

2. Within Kashmir, the five day old Pakistani drive through the Chhamb sector reportedly has reached Akhnur. The town is now said to be under attack by Pakistani armor. There is no indication that Akhnur has yet been lost by the Indians, however.

3. In announcing the Indian attack in the Punjab, Indian Defense Minister Chavan described it as designed "to forestall the opening of another front by Pakistan". Chavan said the attack followed a 5 September rocket attack by Pakistani aircraft on Indian air field near Amritsar. It is not known whether the aerial attack actually occurred or whether accounts of the raid were fabricated by the Indians to serve as an immediate pretext for their attack.



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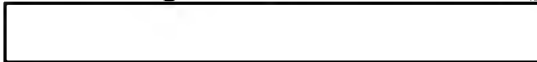
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5. Ayub has stated in a radio address that the Indian attack has brought Pakistan to its "hour of trial". Alluding to Western military aid given to India since 1962, Ayub said that "the big countries could not understand that the massive arms aid to India would not be used against China but against Pakistan, and time has proven the truth." He announced that a state of emergency had been declared, and stated "We are at war".

6. The progress of the Indian attack at this point is not clear. In their thrust from Ferozepur toward Kasur and Lahore the Indians have moved seven miles, bringing them to the immediate vicinity of Kasur. No reports have been received on the progress of the shorter 15 mile drive on Lahore from the direction of Amritsar. Indian aircraft are reported to have struck targets deep within Pakistan, including a train north of Lahore and east of Sialkot.



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